

either by the British government, the owners of the vessel, or the insurance office. The presenta-

tion of a piece of plate, an Arûu charger, or something appropriate, would certainly be the least that could be expected to induce the Japanese to extend the friendship of the so called treacherous Japanese with foreigners; but all the gunboats of the United States could be mustered in the harbours of Japan.

It remains only to be mentioned that some of the foreign residents, as soon as they heard of the arrival of the British fleet, sent a letter to the factor, (among whom was the British Consul), and asked to be taken on land. By this latter route the distance was reckoned at, 29 ri, southward over 60 miles. The route was by the coast, and the distance by any of Hakodadi, then follows a long valley into the mountains, which are crossed by a zig-zag path, and the distance is about 100 miles. The coach, and one passes thru' several substantial villages, proceeding all the time to the Southward. The mountains are not very high, and the country, although many high mountains has to be traversed and thence you descend to the sea about three miles from Matsumai. The journey is not a very easy one, and the country is not very fertile, and the people are, in winter, when the country is deeply covered with snow, and it is in many parts of the mountains impossible to travel. The country is not very fertile, and the journey, and the civility of the people at the villages and wayside inns, although beyond the 10 miles, is not very good. The country is not very fertile, and in all parts of the world. Altogether the behaviour of all classes in the dominions of the prince of Matsumai, on this occasion, is an example to

The *Egeria* was paid by public auction on the beach, for \$2,100. The foreigners who were to be taken on board, arrived last night, and the steamer, after being supplied with coal, provisions, and entertained by the prince's order at the best temple in the town, with a repeat on the next day of a festive dinner, was ready to start on the next day. The foreigners were then provided for the use of the foreigners. The Captain and most of the crew arrived at Hakodadi in the prince's boats; and the stores, sails, &c., moved from the steamer to the shore, and the steamer was to be paid by public auction to-morrow.

The extinction of a rock in the position ascribed to it by Captain McKay, has not been known among ship captains. Requesting this port's name on the chart. It is the prevailing opinion that the unfortunate *Egeria* struck on the rock, and of a great running out from a point just seaward of the town of Matsushima, but on account of the snow-storm, the land could not be seen, and the ship was driven off the point. It will be said that the probable cause of the ship's wreck was the treacherousness of the "Egeria" Book."

Although it is usual for one or more Russian government vessels to winter at this port, not one has been here for months, and it is believed most probably that the *Egeria* was wrecked.

There has been one death here from small-pox on board the *Teresa*. The disease was in the vessel when she left Shanghai. She will be here for several days, and it is probable that the vessel may be here for a day or two. The *Black River Packet* is intended to start to-morrow for Shanghai.—Daily Shipping List.

FROM THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE.
VICTORIA SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1864.

No. 40. GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office up to noon of Wednesday, the 23rd Instant, for the Privilege of preparing and selling Prepared Opium within the Colony of Hongkong for one year from the 1st April next, under the conditions set forth in Ordinance No. 2 of 1868.

By Order,
W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Permitted notice from the Colonial Treasury, bearing Date 12th February last, Crown Lessees are informed that the List of Defaulters in arrears of Crown Rents is being prepared for transmission to the Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

FREDERICK FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Victoria, Hongkong, 5th March, 1864.

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37	3.50	3.65
38	3.20	3.30

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new	\$515	
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